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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner Tuan V Ho	Art Unit 2615

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/595,654.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>9/19/01</u>	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ .

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1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

2. The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract is too long.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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4. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Morino et al (US 6,400,401).

The applied reference has a common assignee (Canon Kabushiki Kaisha) with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

With regard to claim 6, Morino et al disclose in Fig. 2-5, a camera control apparatus and network system that comprises the image communication system (work station 20 transmits and receives an image from camera unit 10 via an RS232C, col. 2, lines 52-67 and col. 3, lines 1-9), image photographing unit (camera unit 10 is controlled by work station 20 via RS 232C, col. 3, lines 1-9), supply means (video board 25 send images from camera unit 10 to display unit 16, col. 3, line 6), designating means (nine zones, col. 5, lines 1-4 and 20-25), and control information means (cursor 18 working in combination with CPU 21 of work station 20 generates control signals to camera unit 10 so as to change photographing states of the camera such

as pan, tilt and zoom, col. 5, lines 1-33; noted that the cursor position located in one of nine zones generates control signals corresponding to pan, tilt or zoom camera position).

With regard to claim 7, furthermore, Morino et al discloses in Fig. 6, that the photographing state inspecting means (Morino et al states in col. 5, lines 35-67 and col. 6, lines 1-24 that CPU 21 inspects mouse 26 and cursor 18 in accordance with a zone on a displayed image on monitor 17 so as to determine if the cursor is in positions of pan or tilt or zoom operation; thus, CPU 21 inherently includes an inspecting function that inspects the state of the photographing image in accordance with the cursor and zones A-D), and wherein on the basis of the inspection result of the photographing state inspecting means informs the photographing unit for changing a photographing direction (after determining the location of cursor 18, for example, zone D is designated, CPU 21, the CPU generates control signals to move the camera unit to the designated position as indicated by zone D).

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kato et al (US 6,452,628) discloses a camera control and display device using a graphical user interface including position indicators.

Masunaga et al (US 5,838,368) discloses a remote camera control system that includes a displayed image.

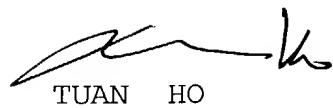
Lippincott (US 5,748,234) discloses a remote conferencing system that includes cable interconnections.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TUAN HO whose telephone number is (703) 305-4943. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 7AM to 4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Christensen, can be reached on (703) 308-9644. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tuan Ho".

TUAN HO

Primary Examiner

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